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SUBJECT: WITHDRAWAL OF THAI UNC AVIATION DETACHMENT FROM JAPAN

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1. ASSISTANT SUPREME COMMANDER ROYAL THAI ARMED FORCES,
GENERAL KRIANGSAK CHAMANAN, HAS TOLD DCM HE IS HOPEFUL THAT
REPLACEMENT FOR THAI UNC DETACHMENT IN JAPAN CAN BE FOUND BEFORE
ITS WITHDRAWAL SCHEDULED FOR LATE JULY.

KRIANGSAK REITERATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO RECOMMEND THAT THAI
DETACHMENT BE RETAINED FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR, BUT SAID THAI
MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND RTG IN GENERAL FACED SEVERE BUDGETARY
PROBLEMS. HE SAID THAT PROSPECTS FOR RETENTION WOULD BE GREATLY
IMPROVED IF USG COULD PROVIDE ASSURANCE IT WOULD IN SOME WAY
MEET APPROXIMATELY 700,00

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BAHT (US\$35,000) ANNUAL EXPENSES. KRIANGSAK URGED THAT WE

ALERT HIM WELL IN ADVANCE OF LATE JULY WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE IF
WE WISH HIM TO PUSH FOR EXTENSION ON THOSE TERMS.

2. COMMENT. AS STATED IN REFTTEL, THERE IS NO CERTAINTY THAT
KRIANGSAK CAN DELIVER AN EXTENSION EVEN IF USG AGREES TO PROVIDE
FUNDING. WITHDRAWAL IS BASED ON CABINET DECISION WHICH MFA
CAN BE EXPECTED TO UPHOLD. SUGGEST WE PRESS AHEAD WITH OUR EFFORTS
TO WORK OUT MORE CERTAIN AND MORE PERMANENT ARRANGEMENTS WITH
ANOTHER COUNTRY. IF WE DO WANT TO HAVE ANOTHER GO AT THE THAI,
WE WILL NEED GREATEST POSSIBLE ADVANCE NOTICE BEFORE EXPIRATION
OF CURRENT DEADLINE.
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